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## **Female political prisoner punished in Monywa prison**

[Mae Sot, Thailand] The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (Burma) (AAPP) has learnt that Hnin May Aung aka Nobel Aye (female) has been sent to a punishment cell within Monywa prison, in Burma's Sagaing division. At present, she is also suffering from jaundice. The reason for her punishment is unclear.

Hnin May Aung aka Nobel Aye was arrested on 23 August 2007 and was sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment on 28 November 2008. She is a member of the 88 Generation Students group and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party.

Hnin May Aung aka Nobel Aye is also a former political prisoner. She was arrested in September 1998 for the first time, and was sentenced to 42 years imprisonment. However, she was released in July 2005 under an amnesty for political prisoners.

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Notes to editors:

1. In relation to her most recent arrest on 23 August 2007, Hnin May Aung aka Nobel Aye was charged under Section 5/96(4) of the Law Protecting the Peaceful and Systematic Transfer of State Responsibility and the Successful Performance of the Functions of the National Convention Against Disturbances and Oppositions (State Law and Order Restoration Council Law No. 5/96 (7 June 1996); Section 505/b of the Penal Code (statements conducive to public mischief) and Section 6 of the Law Relating to the Forming of Organisations (State Law and Order Restoration Council Law No. 6/88 (30 September 1988)).
2. Monywa prison in Burma's Sagaing division is 517 miles from Rangoon, where Hnin May Aung aka Nobel Aye's family lives.
3. Hnin May Aung aka Nobel Aye has been suffering from jaundice since before her transfer to Monywa prison from Insein prison. The exact date of her transfer is unknown, but AAPP received information about her transfer on 6 February 2009, indicating that the transfer took place sometime between 28 November 2008 when she was sentenced, and 6 February 2009.